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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES - MIHAIL
FLORESCU

1. MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES OFFICIALS INFORMED US TODAY THAT MINISTER MIHAIL FLORESCU IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE US IN PERIOD JUNE 10 TO ABOUT JUNE 20. MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP WILL BE TO VISIT INDIVIDUAL US FIRMS WHICH HAVE EITHER CONCLUDED OR ARE IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING MAJOR PROJECTS WITH ROMANIAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOLLOWING SPECIALISTS FROM MINISTRY CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS:

CONSTANTIN CARLOGANU, DIRECTOR, DESIGN INSTITUTE FOR PETRO-CHEMICAL AND REFINERY PLANTS

GHEORGHE DALEA, DIRECTOR, CHIMIMPORT FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY

IOAN STERIU, DIRECTOR, AZOEXPORT FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY

SIMONA-MAGDALENA TASCA, INTERPRETER, MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

CONSTANTIN CAMARASU, DIRECTOR, INDUSTRIAL CENTRAL FOR MEDICINES

VERONICA NICOLAE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ROMCHIM FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY

DUMITRU-LUCIAN NICOLAESCU, ENGINEER, DANUBIANA TIRE PLANT

ALEXANDRU NICOLAU, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ROMCHIM FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY

ION POPESCU, CONSELOR, MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES.

2. DETAILED PROGRAM IS BEING WORKED OUT BY ROMANIAN EMBASSY

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WASHINGTON AND ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER,

MAIN OUTLINE OF SCHEDULE INCLUDES FOLLOWING CITIES:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AKRON, OHIO (GENERAL TIRE COMPANY)

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS (UNIVERSAL OIL PRODUCTS)

NEW YORK CITY (PFIZER, ROMAMER, INSTRUMENT SYSTEMS,

AGRICO, CITIES SERVICE, UNION CARBIDE, AMERICAN

CYANAMID, WARNER-LAMBERT, AVON AND POSSIBLY OTHERS)

PHILADELPHIA (HOUDRY COMPANY AND/OR MONSANTO)

3. DURING VISIT TO BUCHAREST OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT, SECRETARY SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH MINISTER FLORESCU IN WASHINGTON IF IT COULD BE WORKED OUT AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME. FLORESCU'S STAFF ASSISTANTS ALSO DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH EMBOFF DURING RECENT MEETING AT MINISTRY, INDICATING THAT FLORESCU WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET DENT IN WASHINGTON. CONSIDERING FACT THAT FLORESCU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF ROMANIA'S MAIN INDUSTRIAL PRIORITY SECTORS WITH LARGE POTENTIAL FOR US EXPORTS, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WORKING OUT WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY CALLS ON SECRETARY DENT AS WELL AS ON OTHER APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS.

4. AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBOFFS PLAN TO MEET WITH ENTIRE ROMANIAN DELEGATION IN SHORT, INFORMAL SESSION MONDAY AFTERNOON MAY 20 TO FURTHER DISCUSS DETAILS OF PROGRAM. WE WILL SEND FURTHER DETAILS AS AVAILABLE

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